## MODERNIZATION OF SURFACE TRANSIT IN SANTIAGO, CHILE

(TC-00-09-02-4)

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Beneficiary/ Requester: Republic of Chile

Executing agency:

Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications (MTT), through

its Office of Transportation (SUBTRANS).

Amount and source:

Modality: Window 1
MIF US\$1,250,000
Local: US\$1,250,000
Total: US\$2,500,000

**Implementation:** 

Execution period: 30 months
Disbursement period: 34 months

**Objectives:** 

To modernize the surface transit system in metropolitan Santiago, Chile by granting a new round of concessions to private operators. To that end, support and follow-up will be provided for the legal, regulatory, financial, technical, and operational aspects of bidding

procedures to provide services.

**Description:** 

This project will help create a modern and efficient mass transit system in metropolitan Santiago, Chile by designing new private sector concessions for system operation. The operation will provide enhanced institutional and operational arrangements, and will encourage investments by the companies in vehicles, equipment, repair shops, and other permanent facilities, and in the technologies necessary to implement the system. To that end, the operation will develop the technical and financial bases that will reorganize mass transit by private sector concessions granted through competitive bidding, a process also supported by the project.

Special contractual conditions:

Once\_-the General Conditions set forth in the loan contract with the Bank\_-have been fulfilled and separate accounts have been opened for the MIF\_-contribution and the local counterpart funding, the MTT/SUBTRANS\_-will hire a professional to help prepare the terms of reference for\_-the main program components and the plan and schedule of execution\_-for the operation. The cost of these services will not exceed\_-US\$20,000 and will be fully funded by the MIF

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contribution (see paragraph 3.25). Prior to any other disbursement of MIF funds, the MTT/SUBTRANS—must submit the output of the above-mentioned—consulting services to the Bank for its nonobjection. In addition, a consultant will be hired to conduct the mid-term and final evaluations of the main activities (see paragraph 3.27).

Environmental and social review:

The Committee on Environment and Social Impact reviewed the project at its meeting on 2 February 2001. Its recommendations have been incorporated into this document (paragraphs 5.2 through 5.4).